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January 1 Sheep and Lamb Inventory

Oregon

Oregon’s sheep and lamb inventory totaled 225,000 head, an increase of 10,000 head from last year, according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory held steady at 145,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 80,000 head, up 10,000 from January 1, 2004.

The 2004 lamb crop at 145,000 head was up 4 percent compared to the previous year.

Shorn wool production, at nearly 1.1 million pounds, was down from just over 1.2 million pounds in 2003.

United States

The United States all sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep.

The 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.

Sheep: Inventory and lamb crop, selected states and United States, January 1, 2005

State	All sheep			Breeding sheep		2004 Lamb crop	Total market sheep and lambs
	2004	2005	2005/ 2004	Total sheep and lambs	Ewes 1 yr. And older		
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
California	680	670	99	325	275	260	345
Idaho	260	270	104	225	182	240	45
Montana	300	305	102	280	215	270	25
Oregon	215	225	105	145	107	145	80
Washington	46	46	100	41	32	53	5
United States	6,105	6,135	100	4,533	3,573	4,096	1,602

First Annual Goat Inventory

Goat inventory data are results of the first annual goat survey. All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 2.5 million head. Meat and all other goats totaled 1.97 million head, milk goats, 283,500 head, and angora goats totaled 274,000 head. The 2004 kid crop was 1.67 million head for all goats in the United States. The number of goats on farms in Oregon totaled 30,900 head on January 1, 2005. Of this 21,700 were meat and other goats. Nationally, Oregon ranks seventeenth in meat and other goat inventory. Milk goats totaled 6,900 head and angora goats 2,300 head.

Goats: Inventory by class, selected states and United States, January 1, 2005

State	Angora goats	Milk goats	Meat and other goats	Total
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
California	3,000	30,000	50,000	83,000
Idaho	1,100	2,700	5,200	9,000
Oregon	2,300	6,900	21,700	30,900
Washington	1,000	7,500	14,000	22,500
United States	274,000	283,500	1,965,000	2,522,500

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